

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1-5 have been allowed, claims 6 and 7 have been amended, and claim 9 has been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that entry of this paper is proper, as the amendments presented herein raise no new issues requiring further searching or consideration by the Examiner.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

In the Final Office Action, claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) for being anticipated by the related-art method shown in Figs. 2A - 2F of Applicants' specification. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

As amended, claim 6 recites as an affirmative step: "patterning the counter strip in a grid form having a plurality of holes." The related-art method disclosed in the specification does not perform this step. As shown in Fig. 2B, the related-art method includes the step of forming a counter electrode 103 on the surface of an ITO strip 102. The width of the counter electrode is formed to be smaller than the width of the ITO strip. The related-art method, however, does not perform the step of patterning counter electrode 103 in grid form to have a plurality of holes, as recited in claim 6.¹

¹ In at least some non-limiting embodiments of the invention, this grid pattern may serve to decrease line resistance and enhance adhesion between the glass substrate and a seal cover. However, these effects are merely illustrative of the invention and not intended to limit the scope of claim 6 in any way.

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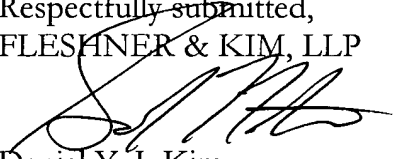
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Because the related-art method does not disclose all the features recited in claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that claim 6 and its dependent claims are allowable along with claims 1-5. Applicants further submit that the features added by amendment to claim 6 raise no new issues, as the patterning step was previously considered by the Examiner, for example, in connection with the examination of claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and timely allowance are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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